



PRESS RELEASE - AJAX DOWNS

Fireball X15, A Lone Hand win Trials for Ontario Sires Stakes Futurity

AJAX DOWNS, AUGUST 5, 2019 - With an impressive rush from his outside post, **FIREBALL X15** clocked the fastest time of all Ontario-sired 2-year-olds in two Trials Sunday August 4 for the upcoming \$50,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Futurity.

Ridden by US rider Shanley Jackson for owner and breeder Belinda Taggart and trainer Jason Pascoe, Fireball X15's half length win over first-time starter Shaken in :17.390 for 330 yards shaded the :17.420 it took **A LONE HAND** to win the other Trial.

In front of one of the largest crowds at Ajax Downs this year enjoying Patio Day, a total of 10 juveniles advance to the August 25 final.

Taggart, who lives in Oakwood, near Lindsay, ON was choked up in the winner's circle after Fireball X15's victory.

"It makes me extremely happy because we lost his sire Star Fire Dash in April," said an emotional Taggart. "I hope this guy does him well."

The gelding, who was making his third career start and earning his first victory, was named after a popular British kid's show, Fireball X L 5.

"I grew up in northern Ireland in the '50s and basically it was the first animated kid's cartoon.. It was about a bunch of little space people like Steve Zodiac, Venus and Robbie the Robot. It had a catchy tune and I watched it until I came to Canada."

A LONE HAND, winner of the first Trial, is 2 for 2 in his career for owner and breeder James Bogar of Cameron, ON and trainer Barry Wood. Ridden by Brian Bell, who won three races on Sunday's card, A Lone Hand won by 1 1/2 lengths over Ivy Lane Racing's Rowdy and Bodacious.

Also on Sunday's card, the rapid 4-year-old gelding **CARNEROS** second his second track record at Ajax Downs in his last three starts. Owned by Milena Kwiecien and trained by Jason Pascoe, Carneros won the QROOI Sprint Series dash at 220 yards in :11.780, beating the previous record of :11.80 set in 2013 by All Wacked Out. On June 16 the almost-black gelding won the first leg of the Sprint Series, a 110-yard race in a track record :6.77.

**Coming up at Ajax Downs is another installment of "10 Days of Winning Contest" on Aug. 11, the 10th annual Family Fun Day on August, 18 and Travel Day on Aug. 25. Follow Ajax Downs on Twitter (@AjaxDowns), Instagram and Facebook and at www.ajaxdowns.com.



(Photo - FIREBALL XI5 sizzles in the second Trial for the Ontario Sires Stakes Futurity - Clive Cohen photo)

FINAL QUALIFIERS FOR \$50,000 ONTARIO SIRES STAKES FUTURITY

Final August 25, 2019

AJAX DOWNS — Ajax, ONT

Age: ACCREDITED ONTARIO SIRE 2-YEAR-OLDS

Distance: 330 YARDS

Horse Sex Sire-Dam, Dam Sire Time Owner Breeder Trainer Jockey

Fireball XI5 g. Star Fire Dash - Dazzlin Lady by Stel Corona :17.390 Belinda Taggart
Belinda Taggart (ONT) Jason Pascoe Shanley Jackson

A Lone Hand g. Azure Down There - Special Royal Takeon by Strawfly Special :17.420 James
Bogar James Bogar (ONT) Barry Wood Brian Bell

Shaken c. Look At Magics Form - Shake Pretty Baby by Pretty Boy Perry :17.490 Chantelle
Bourgeois Chantelle Bourgeois (ONT) Owner Tony Phillips

Shez Perry Fiesty f. Sugarman Perry - Chissled And Fiesty by Sc Chiseled in Stone :17.580
Richard W. Kennedy Richard Kennedy (ONT) Owner Ed Walton

Magic Down There f. Azure Down There - Magic Ta Fame by Black Moons Arising :17.590
Scott Reid Four Leaf Racing (ONT) Owner Cassandra Jeschke

Pretty Runaway f. Winners Award - Pretty Jane Perry by Pretty Boy Perry :17.600 Heste Sport,
Inc. Heste Sport, Inc (ONT) Jason Pascoe Oscar Andrade, Jr

Rowdy And Bodacious g. Bodacious Jess - Make Us A Miracle by Dean Miracle :17.700 Ivy
Lane Racing Ivy Lane Racing (ONT) Scott Reid Cassandra Jeschke

Shoeless Kate f. Azure Down There - Zoomingly by Shazoom :17.790 Full Circle Racing and
Cummings Cattle Co. (Lessee) Ajax Old Boys/ Ralph Pearson (ONT) Greg Watson Cory Spataro

Copper State Prince g. Winners Award - Copper State Queen by Brimmerton :17.910 Heste
Sport, Inc. Heste Sport, Inc (ONT) Jason Pascoe Oscar Andrade, Jr

Heros Return g. Azure Down There - Missy Suspect by Ausual Suspect :18.040 James Bogar
James Bogar (ONT) Barry Wood Brian Bell